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SUBJ: MBFR: FEBRUARY 2 SPC MEETING ON AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE

REF: USNATO 1008

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, STATUS OF SPC DISCUSSION OF AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON DECEMBER 14 STATEMENT TO PRECEDE DATA EXCHANGE IS THAT ALL POINTS OF SUBSTANCE ARE AGREED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OPENING LANGUAGE OF PARA 2. AS REGARDS PARA 2, WE AGREE WITH USNATO THAT BEST TACTIC FOR THE PRESENT IS TO WAIT AND SEE WHETHER THE FRG PRODUCES NEW LANGUAGE. THE US HAS SUPPORTED TWO COMPROMISE PROPOSALS AND OTHER ALLIES HAVE MADE THEIR SUGGESTIONS. IT IS THE FRG'S TURN TO COME FORWARD WITH SUGGESTION OF ITS OWN. FRG VIENNA REP HAS CONFIRMED THAT BONN MAY HAVE NEW LANGUAGE. WHILE WE WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE THIS WEEK, WE CAN AFFORD TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK IF THE OUTCOME IS IMPROVED THEREBY.

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2. WE AGREE WITH USNATO THAT AN ANNEX IS ACCEPTABLE IF FRG INSISTS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AD HOC GROUP CAN PRESENT THE DATA ORALLY.

3. AS REGARDS THE NETHERLANDS PAPER, IT IS IN GENERAL A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION. BELOW IS OUR OWN ATTEMPT TO

VISUALIZE A GUIDANCE TEXT WHICH WOULD BE OF MOST HELP TO US. WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND USNATO MAY WISH TO DRAW ON IT IN COMMENTING ON NETHERLANDS PAPER, WHICH WE ASSUME WILL IN PRACTICE PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR GUIDANCE.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

(1) ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD SEEK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE EAST IS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE THE DATA SPECIFIED IN THE DECEMBER 14 EASTERN DATA PROPOSAL WITH NO STATMENTS WHATSOEVER.

(2) IF THE EAST IS NOT PREPARED TO EXCHANGE DATA ON THIS BASIS, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD SEEK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE EAST IS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE THESE DATA ON THE BASIS OF A SHORT STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMMITMENT, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, AS REGARDS EITHER PROPOSING OR ACCEPTING FURTHER EXCHANGE OF DATA OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.

(3) IF THE EAST CANNOT ACCEPT EITHER OF THESE APPROACHES, AND INSISTS ON AN EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS IN ORDER THAT THE DATA EXCHANGE TAKE PLACE, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE DECEMBER 14 TEXT OF ORAL STATEMENTS: (INSERT OUTCOME OF SPC DISCUSSION; TEXT WOULD INCLUDE DISCLAIMERS AS NOW AGREED)

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(4) ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD, IF AN EXCHANGE SEEK EASTERN AGREEMENT TO THE ABOVE

CHANGES IN THE DECEMBER 14 TEXT. THE GROUP SHOULD REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THE STATUS OF THE DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST WITHIN THREE WEEKS AFTER THE INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THIS GUIDANCE WITH THE EAST.

(5) ALLIED NEGOTIATORS ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE THE DATA SPECIFIED IN THE DECEMBER 14 EASTERN PROPOSAL, DRAWING ON THE ANNEXES TO CM(77)56 FOR THE APPROPRIATE WESTERN DATA, UNDER THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. END TEXT.

5. WE WOULD ALSO SEE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUDING IN THE GUIDANCE PARAGRAPH 2B OF THE NETHERLANDS PAPER, WHICH READS QUOTE THE COUNCIL GUIDANCE OF DECEMBER 9, 1977 REMAINS VALID AND, SHOULD THE EASTERN NEGOTIATORS CONTINUE TO INSIST ON ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT, ANY TEXTS INCORPORATING THE PRINCIPLES OF THAT GUIDANCE REMAIN ACCEPTABLE TO THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS. UNQUOTE.RESOR

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